

Accommodations

Blocks of rooms has been set aside at the Crown City Inn and the Glorietta Bay Inn for the California Biodiversity Council's members and participants. You MUST, however, contact one of these hotels to reserve your room. Please inform the hotel that you are with the California Biodiversity Council to ensure that you receive the government rate. Please call to reserve a room as soon as possible; we expect a large number of participants and availability is not guaranteed beyond 40 rooms.

Crown City Inn
520 Orange Ave.
Coronado, CA
(619) 435-3116

Glorietta Bay Inn
1630 Glorietta Blvd.
Coronado, CA
(619) 435-3101

Directions

Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, Coronado, CA

From the San Diego Airport take I-5 South towards Downtown San Diego. Take CA-75 to Coronado. CA-75 goes over the San Diego-Coronado Bay

Bridge to the island of Coronado and then bear to the right as it turns into 4th St. Continuing on CA-75, turn left on Orange Ave. Orange Ave then turns into Silver Strand Blvd which parallels Strand Way. Turn left on Avenida de Las Arenas and right on Strand Way.



*“Biodiversity
Along the Border”*

*Managing a
Shared Watershed*

*Regional Meeting
Coronado, California*

*Wednesday and Thursday,
September 27 and 28, 2006*

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

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Departing from Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, Coronado, CA

8:30am Depart for Tijuana River Watershed Field Trip

This full-day field trip will highlight the conservation and development issues within the Tijuana River Watershed, on both sides of the international border. We will visit Otay Mesa to view the rapid growth in Tijuana abutting the border fence due west of the Otay Mountain Wilderness Area, part of an internationally recognized biodiversity hotspot. We will cross the border at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and travel along the the Tijuana-Tecate Toll Road to view the last remaining large intact wildland between Tijuana and Tecate. We will learn about growth and development pressures and view the urbanization adjacent to the Tijuana River as we cross Tijuana to the neighborhood of Los Laureles. In Los Laureles we will meet officials from the City of Tijuana who have collaborated on a local community development project that address the sedimentation and erosion problems that plague the watershed. Once returning to California, we will make our final stop at Border Field State Park which contains the Tijuana River Estuary, the final drainage point for the international watershed.

Notes: **You must have your Driver's License to cross the border!**
Box lunches will be provided for those who signed up and paid for them. Please wear comfortable shoes and be advised that there will be some walking on unpaved/uneven surfaces.

5:00pm Return to the Coronado Community Center

6:00pm Dinner Program

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6:00pm No-host Cocktails and Poster Session
7:00pm Dinner and Speaker Presentation

Dinner Speaker: Dr. Ezequiel Ezcurra, Director of the Biodiversity Research Center of the Californias for the San Diego Natural History Museum

Thursday, September 28, 2006

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Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, Coronado, CA

8:00am Registration

8:30 – 9:30 Welcome, Introductions and Council Announcements

9:30 – 10:00 Resources Agency Presentation

10:15 – 10:30 Overview of the San Diego/Tijuana International Setting (Google 'Flyover' Video Presentation)

10:30 – 11:00 Challenges & Opportunities for Transborder Cooperation along the U.S. Mexican Border

11:00 – 12:00 Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Los Laureles Presentation

1:30 – 2:00 Otay Mesa/Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan

2:00 – 3:00 Council Discussion

3:00pm Adjourn